

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 Service

Welcome back to in-person worship!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Improvisation 13" Poulenc
Spencer Haynes, piano

*Call to Worship Psalm 23

*Opening Hymn "Gather Us In" TFWS No. 2236

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Offertory "The Love of Christ" Sterling/Stone/arr by Sterling
Rush UMC Choir

*Doxology UMH No. 95

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

*Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH No. 474

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-41 Reader: Cynthia Hill-Goddard

Message "He Opened My Eyes" Pastor Todd Goddard

*Closing Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I Might See" UMH No. 454

Benediction

Bold Print indicates a congregational response

* Indicates an invitation for your spirit to stand.

Prayer Requests

Those affected by storms across the country
Ukrainian people affected by bombing and war
PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff
Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice in South Africa
Those serving in the Military, home or abroad
Homebound or in senior living facilities, family members and friends

Praises

Crescent Beebe's surgery went well and she received a good report from the surgeon
March Birthdays and Anniversaries

UMCOR Sunday Offering

UMCOR Sunday is March 19. Your generous gift supports UMCOR's administrative costs so all designated gifts will go to the program of the giver's choice. A leaflet/envelope is on the kiosk in the church lobby for your donation. You can leave a check in the collection plate or mail it to the church or electronically donate through the church website. Please write on your check or envelope: UMCOR Sunday.

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*Praise Song "Holy is the Lord" Praise Band

Skit on a Stick based on Psalm 23

Children's Moment Ms. Wendy

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*Praise Song "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" Praise Band

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-41
Readers: Richard Nereau, Michelle Prok

Message "He Opened My Eyes" Pastor Todd Goddard

*Praise Song "Love the Lord" Praise Band

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Sunday Assistants

Table with columns for March 19 and March 26, listing Greeter, Usher, and Cookies for both services.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit all articles (email preferred) for the April/May issue of "His Faithful Followers" to Barb Kingsley by 5PM on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Email address: barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org.

E-Na Song in Concert

"Live from Hochstein - Women in Music Festival" on Wednesday, March 22, 12:10-12:50 in the Hochstein Performance Hall featuring E-Na Song, piano, Koki Tanaka, violin and others. Also, "Live from Hochstein - A Celebration of Dance" on Wednesday, March 29, 12:10-12:50 in the Hochstein Performance Hall featuring E-Na Song, piano. Both will be broadcasted live on WXXI Classical 91.5 FM.

Board of Trustees Clean Up Day

The Board of Trustees has scheduled a clean up day for Saturday, March 25 at 8:30AM. We will be concentrating our efforts on deep cleaning (washing windows, dusting, vacuuming, etc.) the rooms and areas on the main level. Also, the chairs that are being reupholstered will be deconstructed, staples holding the current upholstery will be removed. All are invited to come and help. Stay the entire time or only for an hour or two!

Wednesday Night Community Dinner

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Pasta Supper on Wednesday, March 29, from 5:30 – 7:00pm. We're serving pasta and sauce with meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread and butter. Beverages and tableware are provided – just bring your appetites. Dessert will be birthday cake, as we celebrate the 27th birthday of the Rush Church building. Mini golf holes will be set up in the lobby for all to try!

Easter Memorial Plants

To celebrate the Resurrection and remember/honor a loved one, why not order an Easter Plant? Flowering plants will grace our Worship Center with their beauty on Easter Sunday, April 9. The form for ordering "Memorial/In Honor of" plants is on the kiosk in the lobby, or you can call the church office at 533-2170. Orders must be placed on or before Friday, March 31. Plants available and prices are on the order form.

Activities & Meetings

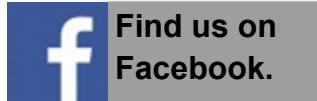
Sunday, March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent; UMCOR Special Offering; 8AM: Choir Rehearsal; **8:30AM:** Traditional Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; **9:40AM:** Book of Acts Bible Study and Small Group; **9:45AM:** Bible Study; **9:50AM:** Choir Cantata Rehearsal; **10:45AM:** Contemporary Worship Service - In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; **11AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **12PM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 22: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** R-H Continuing Ed Yoga Class; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service; **12:10PM:** "Live from Hochstein Concert on WXXI Classical 91.5FM, featuring E-Na Song; **1PM:** Individual Staff Time; **6PM:** Youth Group; **7PM:** Choir/Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday, March 23: 9:30AM: Piano Tuning; **5PM:** April Newsletter Article Deadline
Friday, March 24: 10:30AM: Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM
Saturday, March 25: 8:30AM: Rush UMC Clean up Day; **9AM:** UNY Conference Special Session
Sunday, March 26: Fifth Sunday in Lent; Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; 8AM: Choir Rehearsal; **8:30AM:** Traditional Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; **9:40AM:** Book of Acts Bible Study and Small Group; **9:45AM:** Bible Study; **9:50AM:** Choir Cantata Rehearsal; **10:45AM:** Contemporary Worship Service - In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; **11AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **12PM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Newsletter/Upper Room/Calendar/ Announcements

Additional Announcements, the Weekly Calendar and the current newsletter are on the website and through Rush Tidings. Copies of the current Newsletter and Upper Room are on the shelf in the vestibule. To receive Rush Tidings signup at: rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com.

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Family Picture Wall

We are creating a church family wall on a bulletin board in the dining room, to help both new and old church members learn each other's names and to see those people we may not see often (or haven't seen in a while). Need a photo taken? Contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gamil.com. Our Church Directory is also in need of updating, if you would like to help make this happen, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office.

Giving to Rush UMC

Donations are gratefully accepted at the offering plates on the kiosk in the church lobby. Giving envelopes are available. Checks and cash are welcome. Secure online gifts may be made <https://www.rushumc.com>. **Thank you for your generosity!**



"He Opened My Eyes"

John 9:1-41

Welcome Home to the Rush
United Methodist Church

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